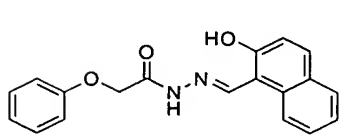


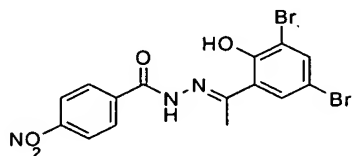
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

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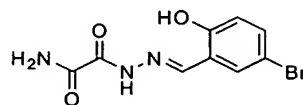
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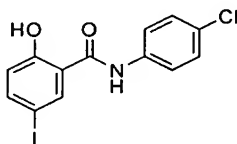
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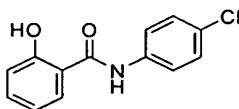
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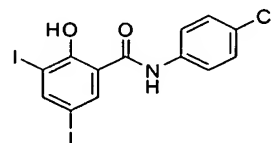
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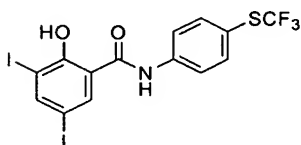
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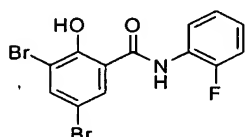
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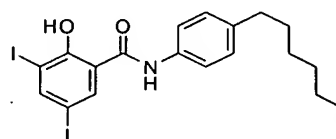
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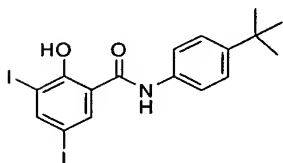
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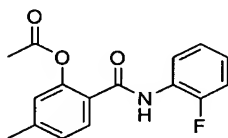
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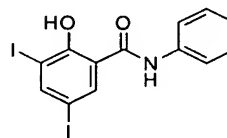
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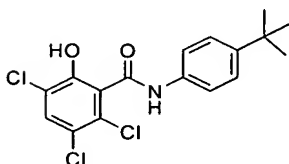
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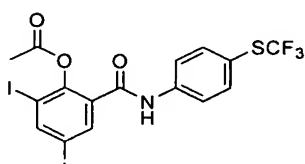
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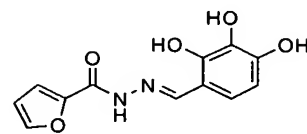
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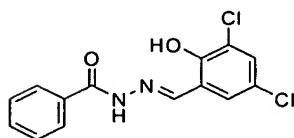
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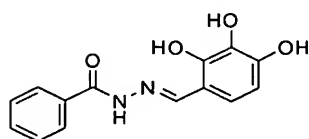
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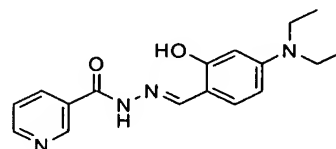
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according to claim 34, wherein said compound is of formula 28.

34 (New) A compound according to claim 34 which is of formula 22.

35 (New) A compound according to claim 34 which is of formula 25.

36 (New) A compound according to claim 34 which is of formula 28.

37 (New) A compound according to claim 34 which is of formula 30.

38 (New) A compound according to claim 34 which is of formula 31.

39 (New). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type II secretion(TTS) system comprising exposing said bacteria to a compound of claim 33.

40 (New). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type II secretion(TTS) system according to claim 39, wherein said compound is of formula 22.

41 (New). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type II secretion(TTS) system according to claim 39, wherein said compound is one in which the moiety directly bonded to the carboxyl group is a hydroxyl-substituted benzyl group and the moiety directly bonded to the N is a substituted or unsubstituted benzyl group.

42 (New). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type II secretion(TTS) system according to claim 41, wherein said compound is of formula 25.

43 (New). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type II secretion(TTS) system according to claim 41, wherein said compound is of formula 28.

44 (New). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type II secretion(TTS) system according to claim 41, wherein said compound is of formula 30.

45 (New). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type II secretion(TTS) system according to claim 41, wherein said compound is of formula 33.